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Research on Himalayas
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects related to Himalayas that are under progress in the country;
(b) the locations of the projects along with the amount sanctioned for the said projects;
(c) whether the research work on Himalayas is being carried out in collaboration with foreign research agencies;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether any co-ordination mechanism between different agencies/ departments is in place to ensure sustainable development on ground level in hilly States in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the details of new research achievements related with agriculture, horticulture and livelihood?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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(a) and (d) This Ministry has nominated the G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development (GBNIHESD) as nodal Institute for implementing the National Mission on Himalayan Studies(NMHS). Under NMHS, 42 research projects are being funded in different Himalayan States. In addition, GBPNIHESD is engaged in 17 research projects in the Indian Himalayan States with funding from various agencies and 45 research projects under its Integrated Eco-research Development Programme (IERP). Details of the projects along with the location and sanctioned amount are annexed (Annexure-I, Annexure-II and Annexure-III).
With foreign collaboration, three research projects sponsored by two agencies are being carried out by GBNIHESD under financial support of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). Details of these projects are annexed (Annexure-IV).

(e) and (f) Other Ministries/ Departments are also engaged with different schemes/programmes in the Himalayan region. The Steering Committee with Members of other Ministries monitor the programmes. The research organisations work in tandem to ensure sustainable development in the Himalayan region. Under NMHS the type of projects taken up include 7 for supporting livelihood one related to agriculture and three in the area of horticulture.

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